

1. United States troops and weapons are stationed abroad within the framework of collective security arrangements. Their purpose is to provide security not only for the United States, but also for the countries in which they are stationed. The major Alliances of the United States are regional arrangements whose terms are public knowledge, and these terms specifically relate them to the United Nations Charter, and United Nations machinery for peaceful settlement of disputes. They are part of the world system of collective security on which the freedom and independence of all states who wish to maintain their independence must rest.

2. The peaceful and defensive purposes of the collective security arrangements, including base arrangements in which the United States participates, are attested by deeds as well as words. No nation has lost nor diminished its sovereignty by entering into such arrangements. No people have suffered impairment of their liberties because of the presence of United States forces. This record stands in stark contrast to the picture in Eastern Europe, where Soviet forces have produced and perpetuated unbelievable conditions of tyranny and oppression. It stands particularly in stark contrast to conditions in the Soviet zone of Germany and now more recently to the exploitation of Cuba as a base for the achievement of Soviet objectives. Recent Communist emphasis on "Wars of national liberation" clearly reveal the Soviet purpose to corrupt national revolutionary movements. The perversion of the revolution in Cuba by Communist elements and their Soviet master is only the latest in a long and sorry history of betrayals.

3. The peaceful character of the collective security arrangements entered into by the United States has repeatedly been emphasized. United States bases in Allied countries have never been used for aggression against others. The existence of US bases on foreign soil is well known to the people of the West

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countries, and their acceptance by those people are the necessary element in their own self defense reflected in the decisions of their Governments.

4. In the present state of the world, concrete implementation of regional collective security concepts, in the form of bases and other mutual military facilities, is an essential condition of peace. If the United States believed that it could contribute to world peace by abandoning these arrangements, we would do so without hesitation. The American soldier has no desire to serve far from his homeland, and the American taxpayer would be happy to reduce the economic burdens of defense. But we cannot ignore the facts of history. The defense bases now maintained in conjunction with allied nations in various parts of the world represent mankind's principal assurance that our generation may be spared the horror and devastation of another major war. If these military facilities should be abandoned, every nation on earth, allied and neutral alike, would be gravely imperiled. It is impossible to imagine any course more likely to produce the conflict which all peoples wish to avoid. Until the world's peoples can succeed in establishing a workable and comprehensive program of disarmament under adequate safeguards and controls, the United States Government will continue to cooperate with other free nations in maintaining the strength that offers the best hope for peace.

5. In the deployment of nuclear weapons both at home and abroad the United States has taken painstaking care to ensure against unauthorized use or accidental launching of atomic weapons. The United States has, in particular, undertaken to retain under its own control nuclear warheads deployed in conjunction with the forces of allied countries. The Soviet missile threat in Cuba is compounded by the fear that such safeguards have not been taken by the Soviet authorities with consequent increased danger

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of the launching of nuclear attack by unauthorized personnel, or by accident or miscalculation.

6. It has been the constant objective of Soviet propaganda to falsify the policies and motives of the United States and its Allies and stimulate fear and suspicion and to try to twist the facts of any given international situation in such a way as to obscure their own imperialistic ambitions. The real target of Soviet propaganda is the very concept of collective security itself. Its purpose is to deny to individual nations the right to cooperate with their friends and neighbors in protecting their freedom and security against Soviet aggression.

7. The United States, as other nations of the Free World, established the United Nations with the hope of achieving a lasting world peace. The well-known record of Soviet aggression, which began by depriving the nations of Central Europe of their freedom, by threatening their neighbors to the South and North with subjection, coupled with repeated use of the veto frustrating the effectiveness of the United Nations, led Free World nations for their self-preservation to combine in an Alliance system initially in Europe but later extending around the world. Communist aggression in Korea, the Berlin blockade, repeated threats to peace in the Far East further stimulated the world-wide sense of fear in the face of the limitless drive for Communist/world domination. The United States as the Free World leader has entered into collective security arrangements with more than 40 countries. It is not remarkable that the United States has done so. What is remarkable is that smaller countries all over the world have instinctively banded together in the face of the threats and acts of the Communist powers.

8. Soviet propaganda is trying to persuade world public opinion

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that there is no difference between the Soviet missile installations in Cuba with US bases overseas. The TASS statement replying to President Kennedy's speech of October 22 has the gall to suggest that the way is open to President Kennedy to dismantle all US overseas bases in return for dismantling of the Soviet missiles in Cuba. The nations of the Free World, and particularly the smaller nations who cannot by themselves protect themselves against Communist aggression, will have to understand clearly the nature of the Free World defensive system if they are to avoid falling into this deliberate Soviet trap.